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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	BRUNE et al.	Examiner:	Kartic Padmanabhan
Serial No.:	09/582,524	Group Art Unit:	1641
Filed:	June 27, 2000	Docket No.:	07500.0392USWO
Title:	ASSAY FOR AUTOANTIBODIES		

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Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits or a first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but before the mailing date of: i) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; ii) a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311; or iii) an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the application. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a

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reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

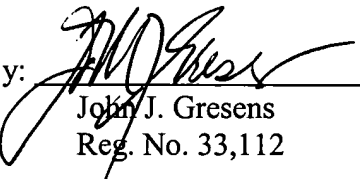
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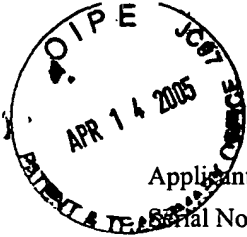


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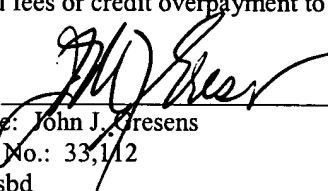
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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 2 Reference(s)
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$180.00 for payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p)
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	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		Andonopoulos et al., "Thyroid Function and Immune Profile in Rheumatoid Arthritis. A Controlled Study", Clinical Rheumatology (1996); vol. 15, no. 6: 599-603
		Balazs et al., "Soluble Intercellular Adhesion Molecule-1 (sICAM-1) In Graves' Disease", Acta Microbiologica et Immunologica (1994); vol. 41, no. 4: 451-456

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